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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-§1.98 and 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants call the attention of the Examiner to the following information.

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in International Application No. PCT/JP01/06000, and the International Search Report.

EP 298729;

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 5-57507;

English translation of the abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 5-57507.

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-138034;

English translation of the abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-138034;

EP 685572; and

EP 878563.

Copies of the International Search Report in English was enclosed with the papers when

entering the National Stage on May 08, 2002. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to see the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

Applicants note that the Annex to the International Search Report indicates that U.S. Patent No. 4,966,501 is a family member of EP 298729; and U.S. Patent Nos. 6,093,479 and 5,920,760 are family members of EP 685572; and U.S. Patent No. 6,071,601 is a family member of EP 878563.

In addition, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

Japanese Patent No. 2105396 as cited on line 20 of page 1 of the specification;

English translation of the abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 7-73802 which matured into Japanese Patent No. 2105396.

Japanese Patent No. 2825693 as cited on line 21 of page 1 of the specification.

English translation of the abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 5-57507 which matured into Japanese Patent No. 2825693. Please note that this document was also cited in the International Search Report associated with the PCT application.

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 010-16302;

English translation of the abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 010-16302.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together a dully completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next

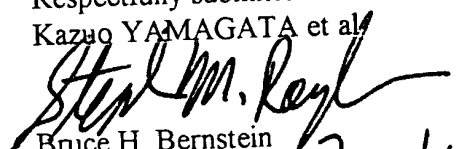
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communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned may be contacted at the below listed telephone number.

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